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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the second paragraph on page 4 with the following amended paragraph:

The grip of a cycle in accordance with the present invention facilitates easy installation and removal of a grip. This further rider comfort and safety by simplifying removal of worn grips and attachment of new grips. Requiring only a single band clamp further simplifies installation and removal and minimizes grip cost. The novel use of a plurality of overlapping elongate slots in the cylindrical liner allows the grip to expand radially if necessary to accommodate over-sized handlebars and to enable securing the grip to a bicycle handlebar by use of a compression member. Further, the novel positioning of multiple elongate slots allows the slots to resist torsional shear displacement and the grip to resist twisting upon application of a torsional force to the cylindrical liner, thus enabling a single compression member to be used to rigidly secure the grip to a bicycle handlebar. All these many advantages are provided by a cycle grip made of conventional materials and which can be easily manufactured.

Please replace the third paragraph on page 6 with the following amended paragraph:

The compression member 16 consists of a clamp shroud, 52, a band clamp 54, a threaded cross dowel 56, a non-threaded cross dowel 58 and a screw 62. The clamp shroud 52 has an arcuate bottom 64 having an inner radius slightly smaller than an outer radius of the arcuate recess 44. As best seen in Fig. 1, the arcuate bottom 64 is configured to nest in the arcuate recess 44. Referring back to Fig. 3, the clamp shroud [[62]] 52 also includes a cavity 66 which is configured to receive the first and second ends of the band clamp 54 in a manner that will be described in greater detail below. The clamp shroud extends radially opposite the arcuate bottom 64 to form a slip guard 67.

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